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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

TIMOTHY C. WOELLNER,

RESPONDENT. : LS07022816APP

Division of Enforcement Case No. 05 APP 023

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Timothy C. Woellner 4939 Highwood Circle Middleton, WI 53562

Wisconsin Real Estate Appraisers Board P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708

Department of Regulation and Licensing Division of Enforcement P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Real Estate Appraisers Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. **Timothy C. Woellner**, (DOB 06/07/47), was issued a real estate appraiser license on 09/30/03. On 11/23/05 Mr. Woellner received a certified residential appraiser license (# 9-1450).
- 2. Mr. Woellner's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing is 4939 Highwood Circle, Middleton, WI 53562.
- 3. On or about March 27, 2004, Mr. Woellner prepared a written appraisal report on behalf of First Wisconsin Mortgage for property located at S7417 Skyview Dr., Loganville, WI 53943. After reviewing the appraisal, an anonymous source noticed discrepancies in Mr. Woellner's appraisal and forwarded the appraisal to the Department of Regulation and Licensing.
- 4. The appraisal for the S7417 Skyview Dr. property was reviewed by the Department and it was determined that the appraisal did not meet the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) as follows:

- -The intended use and intended user were not identified.
- -The scope of work statement was not included.
- -Deficiencies were noted in the application of the sales comparison approach (inappropriate comp selection-newer construction, different architectural style, water access, water view, subdivision (2 sales) as opposed to secluded area).
- -Deficiencies were noted in the application of the cost approach (basement costs, depreciation, effective age).
- -A lack of comparable grid adjustments for subject outbuildings-barn, shed, cow pen.
- -Deficiencies were noted in site adjustments for comparable sales (response indicates land value of \$7,000.00 per/acre).
- -The comparable sales pictures appear be identical to the multiple listing data sheets, which indicates that the appraiser did not actually inspect the comparable sales. In fact, an incorrect photo on the MLS sheet for sale #3 was carried over into the appraisal.
- -Special assessments were not reported.
- -The site description does not include dimensions.
- -The zoning is incorrect.
- -The FEMA information is incorrect.
- -The report does not accurately identify the subject zoning.
- -The report does not accurately report subject age/year built.
- -The appraiser failed to report or analyze last sale (5/01) for the subject property.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Real Estate Appraisers Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 458.26, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 227.44 (5).
 - 2. The conduct described above in paragraph 4 constitutes a violation of:
 - a. USPAP Standards Rule 1-1 (a) (b) (c) Developing an Appraisal;
 - "be aware of and correctly employ those recognized methods"
 - "not commit a substantial error of omission or commission"
 - "not render appraisal services in a careless or negligent manner"
 - b. USPAP Standards Rule 1-2 (e) Developing an Appraisal;
 - "identify the characteristics of the property"
 - c. <u>USPAP Standards Rule 1-5(b) Developing an Appraisal;</u>
 - "analyze all sales of the subject that occurred within three (3) years".
- 3. As a result of the above violations, respondent is deemed to have also violated Wis. Adm. Code § RL 86.01 (2), and Wis. Stat. § 458.26(3)(c), by failing to conform his appraisals to USPAP, and by engaging in conduct while practicing as an appraiser which evidences a lack of knowledge or ability to apply professional principals or skills.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Respondent **Timothy C. Woellner**, license #9-1450, is hereby **Reprimanded**.
- 2. The license of **Timothy C. Woellner**, license #9-1450 is hereby **LIMITED** for a period of no less than **ONE (1) YEAR** commencing five (5) days after the date of this order.
- a. Respondent shall not rely on any trainee, clerical staff and/or office assistant to provide research assistance.

- b. Respondent shall maintain a work file for every appraisal that includes a hard copy of the assignment from the lender, adequately document the listing or sales history for the subject property and the comparable sales, and include a survey map or plat map with the subject property identified, and comparable sale photos.
- 3. No less than one year from the date of this Order, the Respondent may petition the Board to remove either or both of the limitations. With any such petition, Respondent shall supply a list of appraisal reports completed after the effective date of this Order, of which three will be selected at random by the Department. Respondent shall then provide copies of the three appraisal reports with properly documented work files for the Board's review. The Board may grant or deny the petition.
- 4. Respondent **Timothy C. Woellner** shall, within 60 days of the date of this Order, pay **COSTS** of this proceeding in the amount of \$800.00.

Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone (608) 261-7904, Fax (608) 266-2264

- 5. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as set forth above, Respondent's license # 9-1450 SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.
 - 6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD

by: Mark P. Kowbel 2/28/07 A Member of the Board Date